

Bonny Family Gives \$50,000 for SWOSU Room Renovation

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Jack and Janet Bonny (front) of Elk City and their family recently donated \$50,000 to Southwestern Oklahoma State University to renovate a popular meeting room in the Memorial Student Center on the Weatherford campus. Family members pictured are (back from left): granddaughter Brooke Bonny; daughter Christy Bonny Browning; and son Jackie Bonny and his wife Vicki Bonny.

A generous gift of \$50,000 from the Jack and Janet Bonny family of Elk City has enabled Southwestern Oklahoma State University to renovate a popular meeting room in the Memorial Student Center on the Weatherford campus.

The Skyview Room has been completely remodeled and is now known as the Bonny Family Board room.

The Bonny family recently made the gift to the SWOSU Foundation. Among the new furnishings in the room are quartz countertops, projection system with a retractable screen, window shutters, new chairs and lighting. Paintings by the late Ken Watson grace the room.

“We want to thank Jack and Janet Bonny and the Bonny family for their leadership, generosity, positive perspective, and persistent endorsement of Southwestern Oklahoma State University,” said SWOSU President Randy Beutler. “Their contributions have made a real difference on our campus, in our community, and most importantly, to the students who attend SWOSU.”

Jack Bonny has been engaged in farming since 1950 and served in the Oklahoma Legislature as a state representative for 12 years. He is also former mayor of Burns Flat. Both he and Janet worked in the field of education for 21 and 14 years, respectively. They have two children—Jackie Bonny and Christy Bonny Browning—and four grandchildren—Eric and Lynsey Browning and Brittany and Brooke Bonny.

The Bonny family is full of SWOSU graduates. Jack graduated in 1962 and earned his master’s degree in 1966. His brother, the late Jim Bonny, graduated from SWOSU in 1965 and received his master’s degree in 1969. Son Jackie is a 1987 graduate, daughter Christy is a 1985 graduate and daughter-in-law Vicki Glass Bonny is a 1989 graduate of SWOSU.